

REMARKS

In the above-mentioned Final Office Action, claims 7, 12, 13, 19-21, 25, and 26 were allowed. And, claim 24 was acknowledged to recite patentable subject matter, but objection was made to the claim for being dependent upon a rejected parent claim. Claims 22 and 23 were finally rejected over the combination of *Gourgue*, *Kamerman*, and *Raissinia*.

The applicants gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's allowance of claims 7, 12-13, 15, 19-21, and 25-26, and the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter in claim 24.

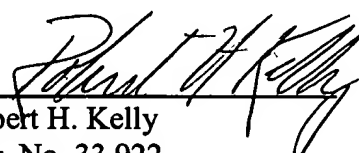
Claim 22 is amended, as proposed herein, to include the recitations of claim 24 and intervening claim 23. Claims 23 and 24 are canceled. Claim 22, amended as proposed, is, accordingly, believed to be in condition for allowance.

Amendments are additionally proposed for independent claims 7, 12, 15, 19, 22, 25, and 26. The proposed amendments to these claims are not believed to affect the substance of the claimed recitations of the respective claims. And, accordingly, entry of the proposed amendments to these claims is respectfully requested.

In light of the foregoing, the application is believed to be in condition for allowance. Allowance of the application is, accordingly, respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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